

DRT CYBER APPOINTS NEW SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF GOVERNMENT & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



At the end of 2024, DRT Cyber (DRTC) appointed financial crime prevention expert and advocate, Garry Clement, to the position of Senior Vice President of Government & Community Partnerships. Garry is an internationally recognised expert in the areas of money laundering, white-collar crime, organised crime and detection of suspicious activity, including cyber-crime. He brings more than 50 years of policing and financial crime prevention experience, including three decades with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), culminating in his role as National Director, Proceeds of Crime (Superintendent). In this capacity, Garry was a Canadian representative at Financial Action Task Force (FATF), the global money laundering and terrorist financial watchdog, and was a recognised international trainer focused on money laundering investigations.

DRTC is a subsidiary of VersaBank, a North American leader in business-to-business digital banking. VersaBank became the world's first fully digital financial institution when it adopted its proprietary state-of-the-art financial technology to profitably address underserved segments of the banking industry in a significantly risk mitigated manner. DRTC supplements this expertise with technology solutions helping leading government, public sector organisations and corporations to harden their cybersecurity posture and achieve compliance. Through a combination of strategic penetration testing, compliance alignment and secure digital storage services, DRTC helps its customers achieve exposure and risk management objectives.



DRTC conducts approximately 850 security engagements a year, supporting government agencies and global corporations across a range of critical industries, including manufacturing, financial services, and the energy sector.

Prior to this most recent appointment, Garry was already an instrumental figure behind the success achieved at VersaBank in recent years having held the position of Chief Anti-Money Laundering Officer since 2022 where, amongst other achievements, he assisted in its expansion into the United States following the acquisition of Stearns Holdingford National Association (SBH) in September 2024.

DRTC will benefit from Garry's vast experience as a financial crime prevention expert and advocate. Since 2009, Garry has been President and Chief Executive Officer of Clement Advisory Group (CAG), an anti-money laundering consulting firm and a licensed private investigative agency specialising in the entire range of financial crime, which he founded. One of the contracts Garry held for more than two years was that of the Executive Vice President of the Association of Certified Financial Crime Specialists, a financial crime association under Barbri. Prior thereto, he was Managing Director of an international consulting firm which focused on corporate investigations and money laundering consulting to banks, money service businesses and credit unions.

Before embarking upon his consulting career, Garry served for four years as the Chief of Police for Cobourg, Ontario, Canada.



During his policing career, he received numerous awards and commendations for his investigative abilities, including recognitions from the US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). This was followed by 30 years with the RCMP, where he worked in the areas of proceeds of crime and money laundering as an investigator, undercover operator and manager. Garry's undercover role focused on some of the highest levels of organised crime and resulted in receiving a Lieutenant Governor's award and Commanding Officers Commendation. He also held the role of Liaison Officer in Hong Kong, where he worked with law enforcement in the Asia-Pacific region dealing with counterfeiting, fraud and money laundering. Garry holds the Certified Crypto Investigator designation, as well as the Financial Intelligence Specialist designation, which includes training in crypto currency. Garry is certified in the Certified Fraud Examiners and Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists, in addition to his certification as a financial crime specialist.

Furthermore, Garry has authored and co-authored several papers published nationally and internationally on topics such as organised crime and money laundering. In 2023, he contributed to the book *Dirty Money: Financial Crime in Canada*, edited by Christian Leuprecht and Jamie Ferrill. Additionally, during 2022 and 2023, Garry worked with Optimum Publishing to complete his book *Undercover: Inside the Shady World of Organized Crime and the RCMP*.

Jeffrey Robinson, bestselling author of *The Laundrymen*, *The Merger*, and *The Sink*, has praised Garry's expertise, stating: "Garry Clement is a national treasure. He's spent his life in service to Canada, and I guarantee he knows more about international organised crime, drug trafficking, money laundering, and state actors – China, Iran, Mexico, Russia – who today pose a major national security threat to Canada. This book should be required reading by every politician and bureaucrat in Ottawa, and everyone else who cares about the future of this country."

